



LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV

3530 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1140 • Los Angeles, CA 90010 • TEL (213) 738-2816 • FAX (213) 637-4748
www.hivcommission-la.info

While not required of meeting participants, signing-in constitutes public notice of attendance. Presence at meetings is recorded solely based on sign-in sheets, and not signing-in constitutes absence for Commission members. Only members of the Commission on HIV are accorded voting privileges, thus Commissioners who have not signed in cannot vote. Sign-in sheets are available upon request.

COMMISSION ON HIV SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES April 30, 2009

APPROVED
5/14/09

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	OAPP/HIV EPI STAFF
Carla Bailey, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Al Ballesteros	Jeff Bailey	Kyle Baker
Anthony Braswell, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Anthony Bongiorno	Claudia Estrada-Proner	Michael Green
Sergio Aviña	Eric Daar	Shawn Griffin	Juhua Wu
Carrie Broadus	Nettie DeAugustine	Kimler Gutierrez	
Robert Butler	Douglas Frye	Miki Jackson	
Whitney Engeran-Cordova	Terry Goddard	AJ King	COMMISSION STAFF/CONSULTANTS
David Giugni	Anna Long	Gabriela León	
Jeffrey Goodman	Everardo Orozco	Rich Mathias	Julie Cross
Joanne Granai	Mario Pérez	Mindy Middleton	Carolyn Echols-Watson
Michael Johnson	Peg Taylor	Nicholas Rocca	Dawn McClendon
Lee Kochems		Natalie Sanchez	Jane Nachazel
Brad Land		Sharon White	Glenda Pinney
Ted Liso			Doris Reed
Manuel Negrete/ James Chud			James Stewart
Quentin O'Brien			Craig Vincent-Jones
Angélica Palmeros			Nicole Werner
Dean Page			
Robert Sotomayor			
Chris Villa			
Kathy Watt			
Fariba Younai			

- CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Braswell called the meeting to order at 1:05 am.
 - Roll Call (Present):** Aviña, Braswell, Engeran-Cordova, Giugni, Goodman, Johnson, Kochems, Land, Liso, Negrete, O'Brien, Page, Palmeros, Sotomayor, Villa, Watt, Younai
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
MOTION 1: Approve the Agenda Order (*Passed by Consensus*).
- APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**
MOTION 2: Approve the minutes from the April 9, 2009 Commission on HIV meeting (*Passed by Consensus*).
- CONSENT CALENDAR:**
MOTION 3: Approve the Consent Calendar with Motions 4 and 6 removed (*Passed by Consensus*).
- PARLIAMENTARY TRAINING:** There was no report.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED: There were no comments.

7. COMMISSION COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED: There were no comments.

8. PUBLIC/COMMISSION COMMENT FOLLOW-UP:

A. Brown Act Rules Governing Public Comment: Mr. Vincent-Jones noted that pursuant to questions at the last meeting, he consulted with County Counsel. County Counsel confirmed that Public Comment is used to address agendized items or raise non-agendized items. Commissioners may ask clarifying questions, but cannot engage in a dialogue or discussion with Public Comment speakers.

9. CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:

A. Swine Flu Update/Information:

- Mr. Vincent-Jones indicated that a Commission brief and fact sheets provided by the Department of Public Health (DPH) were included in the packet and emailed to the Commission's mailing lists due to concerns about the susceptibility of immuno-suppressed individuals. The CDC has provider guidelines on their website. Additional information is on DPH's website.
- Mr. Goodman noted the Pneumovax 23 vaccine protects against a broad spectrum of pneumonia. While not a standard of care, he recommended it for PWH. Its efficacy lasts for five years.
- Mr. Braswell noted there is a current shortage of Tamiflu and Relenza. While more is expected, he recommends PWH proactively maintain a course of Tamiflu. It can be stored for three years.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. Commissioner's Leadership Conference: Mr. Vincent-Jones reminded Commissioners of the County Quality and Productivity Commission's (QPC) annual conference on 5/21/2009. QPC funded the Commission's standards publication.

11. OFFICE OF AIDS PROGRAMS AND POLICY REPORT:

A. FY 2009 Ryan White Part A Award Notification: Dr. Green reported a 7.4% increase of nearly \$2.5 million for a total Part A award of \$35,910,442. It is the highest award in seven years and the second highest in thirteen. The competitively scored application received 97 of 100 points. The review identified 22 strengths and one minor weakness. He thanked all who worked on the application.

12. STATE OFFICE OF AIDS (OA) REPORT: This item was postponed.

13. PUBLIC HEALTH/HEALTH CARE AGENCY REPORTS: This item was postponed.

14. HIV EPIDEMIOLOGY PROGRAM REPORT: This item was postponed.

15. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Priorities & Planning (P&P) Committee: The next meeting will be 5/5/2009 to address FY 2009 Part A award increase.

1. SPA 1 Adversity Sector Allocation Plan:

- Mr. Goodman presented a plan which had been referred back to Committee on 4/9/2009. With data from OAPP and other sources, Ms. Pinney developed a SPA 1 Service Utilization and Needs Report (SPA 1 SUNAR) after the 4/9/2009 Commission meeting.
- New data include mortality figures—highest among SPAs for four of five leading causes of death—and disproportionately low resources despite 75% of HIV+ people in SPA 1 who rely on Ryan White services, the highest rate in the County.
- SPA 1 unduplicated residents receiving Ryan White-funded services increased from by 7% from YR 17 to YR 18, from 350 to 371, consistent with the earlier estimate of 350 to 400. There are notable reported service gaps, the difference between expressed need and receipt, as well as evidence of services sought outside the SPA, such as for Medical Outpatient (MO) accessed in SPA 1 by only 259 of 371 PWH.
- "Meet the Grantee" comments emphasized the part-time nature of some key services, such as MO and Oral Health.
- Mr. Goodman reported that designation of "adversity sectors" is a goal in the Comprehensive Care Plan. The Committee feels SPA 1 faces unique challenges in the County, largely due to its rural nature, land expansiveness, geographic distinctions, and small (proportionately) population. The County is the rare jurisdiction with both urban and rural challenges. The rural nature of the SPA is exacerbated by the range of climate conditions, paucity of services, and poverty.

Commission on HIV Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2009

Page 3 of 6

- The Committee will continue to developing criteria to clearly define the designation of adversity sectors following the FY 2010 Priority- and Allocation-Setting Process, but the SPA 1 allocations plan required immediate approval.
- Priorities are normally ranked numerically. For the SPA 1 allocations plan, the Committee determined essential services based on three criteria: 1) clients cannot go without them, 2) clients should not be expected to access them outside SPA 1, and 3) the services need to be indigenous to SPA 1. The Committee acknowledges that it is not practical to provide all services in SPA 1, and that certain Medical Specialty services will have to be accessed outside of SPA 1.
- The minimum allocation threshold was defined by parity and essential services that reflected the average cost of service units countywide at the rate they are used by SPA 1 residents, amounting to \$952,982. Mr. Goodman noted that figure was consistent with how parity had been calculated previously. Costs for a preferred Medical Transportation program design were added to the amount, since transportation is an essential service that was not included in the countywide service unit calculations. The resulting total minimum allocation threshold for FY 2010 is \$1,180,000, including \$450,000 - \$500,000 already being expended in SPA 1.
- The Committee allocated the minimum threshold to its previously defined essential services:

Essential Service Categories	Minimum Allocation
Medical Outpatient/Specialty	\$400,000
Medical Care Coordination	\$200,000
Mental Health, Psychiatry	\$30,000
Mental Health, Psychotherapy	\$100,000
Oral Health Care	\$200,000
Medical Transportation	\$170,000
Benefits Specialty	\$80,000
ADAP Enrollment	no additional funds necessary
Early Intervention Services (EIS)	no additional funds necessary
Substance Abuse, Treatment	no additional funds necessary
Medical Nutrition Therapy	no minimum determined

- The Committee included several directives for the administrative agency: maintain the core medical service threshold, ensure treatment adherence in services, use the Medical Care Coordination allocation for a pilot program, direct MAI funding to SPA 1, increase non-Ryan White-funded ADAP Enrollment counseling, and provide the Commission with an opportunity to the service descriptions prior to RFP release.
- The Committee also recommended exploring telehealth opportunities and working with other funding sources to increase non-Ryan White funded housing case management services in SPA 1.
- Mr. Engeran-Cordova asked if the adversity sector designation was necessary to make the recommended allocations. He suggested considering allocations now and adversity later. Mr. Vincent-Jones responded that it was not. He added that this had presented a unique opportunity to start the “adversity sector” process, but if the designation was not included in the Commission’s final vote, the P&P Committee would go on with its work to further define the concept in the summer.
- Mr. Johnson feared that adversity sector discussion now would spark contention among various groups. Mr. Johnson also asked about allocation effectiveness. Mr. Vincent-Jones responded that while there are 371 unduplicated clients, not all clients can access all targeted services regularly within SPA 1, and that not all of the 371 clients were receiving adequate frequency of services or an appropriate service mix. Beyond that, the increasing incidence indicates that additional people are not accessing services at all.
- Mr. Butler supported the allocations. He felt this underscored the necessity of reviewing adversity countywide. Ms. Broadus appreciated adversity sector planning because it addresses nuances of a particular population.
- Mr. O’Brien expressed the need for more planning. He noted that some SPA 1 service gaps are lower than for other SPAs. He felt adversity sector criteria need to be determined before areas are designated.
- Ms. Palmeros emphasized the importance of providing services to this area, uniquely impacted by its rural nature. Ms. Granai thanked the Commission for its extraordinary work on behalf of SPA 1.
- Mr. Giugni asked how allocations will be implemented. Ms. Watt replied that, if adopted, the plan will go to RFP 6/1/2009. Mr. Goodman added there would be follow-up to ensure the RFP and expenditures are consistent with the allocations, and that services are increased by the investment. Dr. Green responded to Mr. Aviña that the RFP had not yet been completed.
- Ms. Jackson felt the discussion illustrated the need to continually advocate for improved data.
- ➡ P&P committed to due diligence on adversity sector development after the Priority- and Allocation-Setting process.

- ➡ Consistent with normal planning, P&P will review whether to retain the standing contingency plan for SPA 1 or to develop one specific to the SPA to address any underspending.
- ➡ Ms. Watt emphasized that part of planning is for all Commissioners to encourage providers to apply once the RFP is released.
- ➡ Commissioners noted their conflicts of interest. A reference list will facilitate the process in future.

MOTION 4: Adopt SPA 1 as an adversity sector, and approve the proposed priorities and allocation plan for SPA 1, as presented (*Amended*).

MOTION 4A (Engeran-Cordova/O'Brien): Amend Motion 4 as follows: ~~Adopt SPA 1 as an adversity sector, and approve~~ Approve the proposed priorities and allocation plan for SPA 1, as presented (*Passed by Consensus*).

MOTION 4B (Page/Broadus): Approve the proposed priorities and allocation plan for SPA 1, as presented (*Passed: 21 Ayes; 0 Opposed; 0 Abstentions*).

B. Standards of Care (SOC) Committee:

1. **Grievance Policy and Procedure:** This item was postponed.

C. Joint Public Policy (JPP) Committee: Mr. Engeran-Cordova referred the group to the attached 2009 Policy Docket and a letter to Chief Administrative Officer presenting the Commission's recommendations for legislative positions.

1. **State/Medi-Cal Budget Reductions:** The Commission was referred to the attached Policy Brief.

D. Operations Committee:

1. **Membership Nominations:**

- Mr. King, Community Co-Chair, PPC, expressed PPC support for Dr. Wood's nomination to the JPP. She added the PPC Executive Subcommittee has discussed additional JPP nominations with one applicant expected to apply soon.
- Mr. Butler corrected language in Motion 6.

MOTION 5: Approve the nominations of Carla Bailey to the District 2 consumer seat, Quentin O'Brien to the Part C representative seat, and Fariba Younai to the AETC/Part F representative seat, and forward them to the Board of Supervisors for appointment (*Passed as part of the Consent Calendar*).

MOTION 6: Approve the nomination of Kimberlee Woods to the Joint Public Policy (JPP) Committee as a ~~non-~~ ~~Commission member~~ non-Commissioner, and forward to the Board of Supervisors for appointment (*Passed: 16 Ayes; 3 Opposed; 2 Abstentions*).

16. CONSUMER CAUCUS REPORT:

A. SPA 4 "Meet the Grantee" Meeting:

- Mr. Johnson reported the meeting was postponed due to low response. It will be rescheduled with attention to and adjustment for possible reasons for the poor response, such as meeting conflicts, area ennui and the need for greater peer recruitment.
- ➡ A complete schedule of 2009 "Meet the Grantee" meetings will be developed to expand recruitment opportunities.

17. BENEFITS REPORT:

- Ms. Cross reported that 16 case managers attended the first Benefits Specialty overview training. The next training is scheduled for 5/28/2009.
- Starting 5/1/2009, the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) rate will decrease to the December 2008 level, e.g., for an independent, single adult it will decrease from \$907 to \$870 per month. An additional 2.3% cut, or \$20 in the previous example, is anticipated 7/1/2009. She encouraged advocacy to restore budget cuts.
- Mr. Liso reported an advocacy meeting at the Governor's Office where long-term costs of such cuts were cited. He added he lives in assisted housing and residents, many elderly, were worried about maintaining their housing, food and medications.
- He also visited Washington, D.C. as an advocate for Ryan White extension and the AIDS Strategy. Mr. Vincent-Jones clarified that participation in the DC AIDS advocacy efforts were not representing the Commission.
- Mr. Butler said benefit applications meet significant delays. Ms. Cross said Medi-Cal is out of compliance with legal standards which require case adjudication in 30 days. She was not aware of specific County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) problems, but encouraged all those with delayed applications to provide details so the cases can be investigated.
- She added there is a requirement for those under 65 applying for Medi-Cal to prove disability. She is planning a meeting to educate County disability evaluators on what to look for in files of applicants who are HIV+.
- Mr. O'Brien reported that California Primary Care Association (CPCA) has filed suit to block Medi-Cal optional benefits cuts. He recommended advocates coordinate activities with the CPCA.

Commission on HIV Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2009

Page 5 of 6

- ➡ Talking points on the budget cuts developed by Ms. Cross will be distributed by email.
- ➡ Ms. Cross will provide an update for the May Commission meeting on legal efforts to address Medi-Cal adjudication delays.
- ➡ Ms. Cross will provide a chart of SSI cuts to various populations at the May Commission meeting.

18. PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC) REPORT: There was no report.

19. SPA/DISTRICT REPORTS:

- **SPA 6:** Ms. White reported Watts Health will host provider meetings quarterly with intervening meetings rotating among other providers. About 40 providers are attending and have chosen mission and vision statements. The next meeting will be hosted by Watts Health with a focus on developing SPA goals.
- **SPA 7:** Ms. León said SPA providers chose Claudia Rocca, Whittier Health Center, and Lawrence Hernandez, LACADA, as Co-Chairs and herself as Secretary. Meetings are the 4th Friday of the month, 1:00 to 3:00 pm, and will now rotate. LACADA will host the next meeting on 5/22/2009. The providers look forward to continued Commission collaboration.

20. TASK FORCE REPORTS:

- A. Commission Task Forces:** There were no reports.
- B. Community Task Forces:** There were no reports.

22. COMMISSION COMMENT: Mr. Butler urged careful review of the 5/19/2009 ballot and how propositions impact the budget.

23. ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no announcements.

24. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Braswell adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.

- A. Roll Call (Present):** Aviña, Bailey, Braswell, Broadus, Butler, Engeran-Cordova, Goodman, Granai, Johnson, Kochems, Land, Liso, Negrete, O'Brien, Page, Palmeros, Sotomayor, Villa, Watt, Younai

Commission on HIV Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2009

Page 6 of 6

MOTION AND VOTING SUMMARY

MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda Order.	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
MOTION #2: Approve the minutes from the April 9, 2009 Commission on HIV meeting.	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
MOTION #3: Approve the Consent Calendar with Motions 4 and 6 removed.	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
MOTION #4: Adopt SPA 1 as an adversity sector, and approve the proposed priorities and allocation plan for SPA 1, as presented.	<i>Amended</i>	MOTION AMENDED
MOTION #4A (Engeran-Cordova/O'Brien): Amend Motion 4 as follows: Adopt SPA 1 as an adversity sector, and approve Approve the proposed priorities and allocation plan for SPA 1, as presented.	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
MOTION #4B (Engeran-Cordova/Butler): Approve the proposed priorities and allocation plan for SPA 1, as presented.	<i>Ayes:</i> Aviña, Bailey, Braswell, Broadus, Butler, Engeran-Cordova, Giugni, Goodman, Granai, Johnson, Kochems, Land, Liso, Negrete, O'Brien, Page, Palmeros, Sotomayor, Villa, Watt, Younai <i>Opposed:</i> None <i>Abstentions:</i> None	MOTION PASSED Ayes: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0
MOTION #5: Approve the nominations of Carla Bailey to the District 2 consumer seat, Quentin O'Brien to the Part C representative seat, and Fariba Younai to the AETC/Part F representative seat, and forward them to the Board of Supervisors for appointment.	<i>Passed as part of the Consent Calendar</i>	MOTION PASSED
MOTION #6: Approve the nomination of Kimberlee Woods to the Joint Public Policy (JPP) Committee as a non-Commission member non-Commissioner, and forward to the Board of Supervisors for appointment.	<i>Ayes:</i> Aviña, Bailey, Broadus, Giugni, Goodman, Granai, Land, Liso, Negrete, O'Brien, Page, Palmeros, Sotomayor, Villa, Watt, Younai <i>Opposed:</i> Engeran-Cordova, Johnson, Kochems <i>Abstentions:</i> Braswell, Butler	MOTION PASSED Ayes: 16 Opposed: 3 Abstention: 2